

This Great Clothing Sale

Is attracting widespread attention. No wonder our store is crowded every day.

thirty-three cents on the dollar.

Come and get your suit today.

Men's Suits.

Men's Cassimere Suits	\$2.98
Men's excellent Worsted Suits	\$3.48
Men's Clay Diagonal Suits	\$6.38
Men's Wide Waist Dress Suits	\$7.68
Men's Prince Albert Suits	\$10.50
Men's Silk-lined Vienna Prince Albert Coat and Vest	\$13.50

Men's Furnishings. Big Cuts.	
Balance of 100 Lotion Collars	3c
Handkerchiefs worth 10c	3c
Embroidered Handkerchiefs	5c
ADLER'S \$1.50 Kid Gloves	98c

Sample Hats.

Grand selection of Men's Sample Hats, in Derby and Fedoras—style hats including—98c black. Worth \$2.00.

H. FRIEDLANDER & BRO., Cor. 9th and E Sts.**Top Coats.**

Men's Spring Top Coats	\$3.98
Men's Stylish Oxford Top Coats	\$6.75
Men's Sate-lined Spring Top Coats	\$7.50

Men's Trousers.

Men's strong Working Pants	75c
173 Men's Corduroy Pants, 3 shades	\$1.98

Men's Cassimere Pants	98c
Men's Dress Pants	\$1.62
Men's extra quality Dress Pants (These are Worsted in stripes and checks)	\$2.35

Children's Suits.

Children's Suits—4 to 15 years	98c
Extra quality Cassimere Suits	\$1.85
Children's splendid Knee Pants	25c
Children's Corduroy Pants	49c

"Hechts' Greater Stores."**"Hechts' Greater Stores."****We're all ready for the usual Saturday rush!**

—and it surely should be greater tomorrow than it has been this season. The special sales in several departments of "just-now" needs will attract thousands. Everybody who wants it may have their purchases "charged" and may arrange the payments to suit their convenience.

These pants must go!

We're determined that we shall sell these heavy and medium weight pants NOW. So we've made three lots of the entire stock and reduced prices to less than a third. All good patterns—and good, well-made, perfect-fitting pants.

\$1.75	\$3.50	\$4.50
for pants which sold up to \$3.	for pants which sold up to \$5.	for pants which sold up to \$7.50.

\$10 top coats and suits

The same grades of Top Coats and Suits we have marked \$10 others are selling at \$12.50, which means a saving of a fourth and the privilege of picking from the greatest assortment in top coats, of Oxford materials and Black Cheviots as well as Tan Coverts—and in suits of fancy chevots and cassimeres, and plain black and blue chevots, and the like. Just the same as before: every garment is sold with a guarantee of satisfaction which means "money back." "Charged" if desired.

Polly, indeed, to pay an exclusive tailor so much for clothing to order. We make clothes to measure—show you as many patterns as any tailor and ask you a third less.

Breaking all records in millinery selling.

Already indications point that this shall be the greatest millinery season yet. Preparations are greater—facilities are doubled—stocks and varieties were never before so large. Visitors tell us that our trimmed hats have a style individuality that is not noticeable in the hats to be seen elsewhere.

2 special lots trimmed hats.

Ladies' and misses' trimmed hats, in the greatest assortment—the season's newest shapes in turbans, toques, and large and medium size hats and bonnets, trimmed most stylishly with flowers, plumes, malines, chiffons, and laces; in these lots are all the new pastel shades, as well as black.

\$2.98	\$4.98
for hats worth \$4.98	for hats worth \$7.98

Walking hats.

Ladies' and misses' ready-to-wear golf and walking hats, trimmed with new Persian handkerchief effect, wings, silk, and velvet; of Milan, plain, and rough Mackinaw and plain and mixed straw. In all colors, and several sorts here at **79c to \$3.48**

Untrimmed hats.

Ladies', misses', and children's untrimmed hats, in the most wanted shapes and colors in clip Mackinaw, Neapolitan, and plain, and fancy straw, in black and all shades, instead of 98c will be sold during the opening **49c**

Two lots of flowers.

One large table filled with overflowing with sprays, lilacs, lilies of the valley, hyacinths, forget-me-nots, clover, cornflowers, roses, and foliage, which were bought to sell for 30c, will **12c** be sold for

Leading in suit and skirt selling.

Double the variety shown elsewhere—and a saving of no less than a third over what others ask. And the privilege of having them "charged"—paying for them by the week or month.

\$9.98 for fashionable suits of cheviot, kid, serge, Venetians, homespuns, and novelty fabrics, in black and all the leading shades, with all styles of jackets with box-pleated full-flare skirts; elegantly finished garments, with as much style to them as is to be had with suits at double the price. You cannot possibly equal these suits elsewhere for less than \$15, for even those who are able to sell them for less are not willing to do so.

\$14.98 for still finer suits of cheviot, kid, serge, Venetians, homespuns, and novelty fabrics, in black and all the leading shades, with all styles of jackets with box-pleated full-flare skirts; elegantly finished garments, with as much style to them as is to be had with suits at double the price. You cannot possibly equal these suits elsewhere for less than \$15, for even those who are able to sell them for less are not willing to do so.

\$1.98 for boys' cheviot suits, in sizes 3 to 8 years, trimmed with silk braid; also double-breasted styles of same material, in sizes 8 to 16 years; both sorts lined with serge lining; the regular value offered at \$3.50.

\$3.98 for Boys' all-wool Cheviot Suits, in sizes 3 to 8 years, with round collars, trimmed with silk braid and fancy buttons; also double-breasted suits of same material, in sizes 8 to 16 years; suits such as sell for \$5.50 and more.

\$7.50 for Youth's Long Pants Suits, in sizes 14 to 16 years, of all-wool plain black and blue and fancy of worsteds, and cassimeres, and neat striped worsteds, which are so very stylish—made of the same material, in sizes 14 to 16 years; suits such as sell for \$10.

\$6.98 for broad-cloth shirts, the very handsomest quality of black broad-cloth, with the new single box pleat back, and front applied with braid and taffeta silk. Should be \$10.

Dollar corsets, 75c.

Ten styles of corsets, each bearing all the leading makes—in long, short, and medium lengths—which sell at \$1—will be sold at 75c tomorrow.

Child's reefers, 98c.

Children's reefers of cream Bedford cord, and in sizes one to four years—for 98c, instead of \$1.50.

"Edna May" ties, 49c.

"Edna May" lustre satin ties, with pretty tassels—each for 49c tomorrow.

Satin stock collars, 9c.

Children's 25c hose, 10c.

New veillings, 29c.

Plain and fancy mesh veillings, with velvet and chenille dots—the 50c sort—for 29c tomorrow.

Children's 25c hose, 10c.

Children's fast black ribbed hose—the seconds of the 25c quality—(im-) perfect, yet not in any way which hurt the wear them—for 10c.

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Barber Budget & Co.**An Ideal Boys' Outfitting Establishment.**

Beyond the statement that our spring lines of Boys' and Children's Clothing, Hats, Shoes, and Furnishings are now complete it is hardly necessary for us to go—as this has long been known as the ideal establishment for the outfitting of youngster and youth. No matter what the mother's desire (if proper) in the matter of style and price we can meet it. Cheapness is correctly defined here, and in no instance do qualities reach beyond the limit of confidence or to the line of extravagance. This department, as well as the entire store, has grown and prospered altogether on, in Shakespeare's dictum, "Mens reus for measure."

We offer as a special for Saturday, five styles of sailor suits of navy blue yacht flannel—all handsomely trimmed in Soutache braid and made with separate shields—ages 2 to 12 years. Regular \$4 value at **\$3**

One lot of vester suits—a novelty in style and trimming—for ages 3 to 5 years—made to sell for \$6—**\$3.75** great bargain at.

Boys' Furnishings, Hats, and Shoes.

Mother's Friend Percal Shirt Waists—with or without collars—

Those that were \$1 are **84c**

Those that were 75c are **63c**

We offer what we believe to be the best 50c Shirts, laundered—cheapest ever offered; all new stock.

Boys' 50c Suspenders, blue webbing and leather ends at **25c**

New line of Boys' Golf Caps in best mixture. Regular 50c each at **25c**

Parker, Bridget & Co.,
Head-to-foot Outfitters, 9th and Penn. Ave.

MARCUS NOTES' PRIVATE SALE
of the Hirsch Clothing and Furnishing Stocks

Creates Consternation

Whatever Notes, the Auctioneer, takes hold of is done thoroughly, and naturally enough, when the announcement came that he would sell all of the up-to-date stock of Men's Clothing and Furnishings of 716 Seventh Street north-west crowds followed.

Men's Clothing, etc.,
Never Sold for Less at Any Sale.

You name your own prices. Nothing that is anyway fair refused. You are losing money every day you miss this sale. Come, if it's only to look on.

716 Seventh St. N. W.
MARCUS NOTES, Auctioneer.

NO MONEY FOR LAW BOOKS.

Comptroller Tracewell's Opinion Respecting the District's Purchase.

The Comptroller of the Currency in an opinion rendered by him says:

"Upon revision upon my own motion of the account of H. H. Darnelle, Disbursing Clerk of the District of Columbia, under the appropriation, 'Contingent and Miscellaneous Expenses, District of Columbia, 1899,' settled by the Auditor for the State and other departments per his certificate, No. 12,406, exception was taken to the payment of the items for law books in District Audits Nos. 6338 and 7523, for the reason that the appropriation did not specifically provide for law books, and that their purchase therefore seemed to be prohibited by section 3 of the act of March 15, 1898."

After reviewing the question of going fully into every detail of the laws pertaining thereto, Comptroller Tracewell gives his decision as follows:

"The District of Columbia seems to me to be clearly within the broad and comprehensive language of section 3 of the act of March 3, 1898, as a Government establishment not under an Executive Department, at the seat of Government. In order that there might be no question as to the applicability of the laws of the United States to the District of Columbia, Congress provided:

"The Constitution and all laws of the United States, which are not locally inapplicable, shall have the same force and effect within the District as elsewhere within the United States."

"Under this provision all laws of the United States not locally inapplicable are in force in the District and apply to and govern it the same as if made specially applicable to it. Section 3 of the act of March 15, 1898, is only applicable in the District in the District it must be by reason of something in its language which affirmatively excepts the District from its operation. There is no language in said act which can be given such a construction. As the appropriation for 'Contingent and Miscellaneous Expenses of the District of Co-

lumbia, 1899," or other appropriation for that fiscal year for the District of Columbia makes no specific provision for law books it follows that their purchase is prohibited by the provisions of section 3 of the act of March 15, 1898. The amount of the items for law books in District Audits Nos. 6338 and 7523 allowed the Auditor for the State and other departments in his settlement is therefore now disallowed."

A NEGRO PARSON'S CRIME.

Kills Mother and Daughter and Burns Four Children Alive.

RALEIGH, N. C., March 22.—The Rev. Thomas Jones, a negro preacher, yesterday morning murdered Ella Jones and her fourteen-year-old daughter, Ida, and burned alive four smaller children by setting fire to the house in which the family resided. Laura Jones, aged seven, and Sid Jones, aged four years, escaped from the burning building, thereby reducing the number of victims to six. The crime was committed six miles from here near the village of Garner.

Laura Jones, the seven-year-old girl, who escaped, told of the visit to her home by Preacher Jones after 10 o'clock in the morning. With an axe he crashed the head of the mother and daughter. The six smaller children were left in the house to perish in the flames, but the two managed to escape. Preacher Jones was arrested later at his home.

The negroes are widely excited and talked of lynching early in the day. Two thousand negroes were awaiting the arrival of the prisoner on the train yesterday afternoon, but he is safe in jail there.

The Jones woman was the mother of an infant three weeks old and she had charged the preacher with being its father.

Order a case of Heuch's Bock by "phoning 634, Arlington Butting Co.

Five States in Five Hours.

The "Royal Limited," beautiful, swift, and sure, leaves Washington, D. C., at 8 P. M., New York Avenue and O Street, daily 3 P. M., arrives New York 5 P. M. Expansive dining and cafe car service.

FOR AN ISTHMIAN CANAL**Americans in China Grow Eloquent on the Subject.**

Consul General Goodnow Explains How the Waterway Would Assist Trade With the Orient—Capt. G. A. Bicknell Declares That the Proposed Facility Is a Naval Necessity

At the request of Senator Perkins of California there has been printed as a public document the proceedings of a meeting held under the auspices of the American Association of China to consider the question of an Isthmian Canal, consisting of remarks and addresses by the Rev. F. L. Hawks, Pott, president of the association; V. G. Lyman, secretary of the association; John Goodnow, United States Consul General; Capt. George A. Bicknell, United States Navy, and E. T. Williams, translator Kiangnan Arsenal.

Consul General Goodnow was the principal speaker. He said in part:

"I am firmly of the opinion that a canal should be constructed at either Nicaragua or Panama, as the engineers and diplomatists decide; that it should be constructed by the United States Government; and that the United States should acquire the land for, say fifty miles on either side of the route determined on, so that the canal would be constructed on our own soil.

"I will not discuss the naval argument, though few will forget the long voyage of the Oregon last summer from San Francisco via Cape Horn to Cuba; and the object lesson it was to us all of how an Isthmian canal would aid greatly to the efficiency of our country, except to our commerce and to our own coast cities.

"I will not attempt to discuss the effect of a canal regulating trans-continental rates by water competition on the great railway systems of our country, except to say that I believe that a canal opening up the markets of the world more freely to our products would stimulate production that the transportation systems would gain more than they would lose by it.

The Effect on Trade.

"Our subject for discussion is only as to the effect of an Isthmian Canal on the trade of the United States with China. I will discuss for a few minutes the comparison of this proposed route with the present routes from New York to China; the products and sections of the United States particularly to be affected by the new route to China; the increasing market here; our competitors; and very briefly the products of China now being taken by us.

"In the comparison of routes I will note the three points most potent in the making of rates, and also necessary to note the location of our principal competitors in leading lines as regards present routes and the proposed route. There are two trade routes now from New York to China. In figuring distances I have used Shanghai as representing China, as it does for all practical purposes, all the trade for central and northern China passing through this port. By the Cape of Good Hope the distance from New York to Shanghai by full-powered sailing vessels is 14,240 nautical miles, while sailing vessels must take from 16,010 to 16,240 nautical miles, according to the season of the year. By this route, the Equator must be crossed twice; the whole breadth of the Indian Ocean, with the damp heat detrimental to cargo, crew, and passengers, must be crossed; the storm regions of the Atlantic, Indian, and Pacific Oceans must be traversed.

"By this route insurance must be high on account of the dangerous storms. Many kinds of cargo are affected by the long-continued heat. Few passengers take this trip. From New York to Shanghai via Suez is 12,350 miles for steamers. Sailing vessels do not take this route. The expense of towage is prohibitive, as not only must each vessel be towed through the Suez Canal, but also for more than 1,300 miles through the Red Sea, where the dangerous navigation makes sailing out of the question. This route lies from east to west along the hot latitudes. Especially hot is the passage through the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean. By this route the storms of the Mediterranean Sea and the Indian and Pacific oceans must be passed through. A most important objection to those routes lies in the fact that they can be easily closed to us in the time of war.

"In these days steamers imply coaling

stations, and we have none such along these routes. For centuries that passage to the east has been the prize for which people have fought, and its possession has made cities and nations great. When England took it her sea-seeing statesmen fastened it to her by a line of fortified places, covering every strategic and important point. Until, or unless, some great rival to England's naval power were to take the control of these places from her, these two routes to the East are as much England's as the route from London to Edinburgh.

To be sure, England and America are the best of friends, but exigencies of war arise which would make it necessary to shut friend and foe alike out of this so-called neutral passage.

"It is called 'neutral' by international law, but international law in war time can still be epitomized as 'the good old way, the simple plan, that he may take who has the power, and he may keep who can.' Friendship among nations implies equality, and we will remain better friends if neither is at a disadvantage with the other. Now that we have gotten into the broad world with our trade and our possessions, we certainly cannot allow these routes for our trade and our war vessels, and between certain points in our possessions, to be entirely in the hands of others.

"As to the Isthmian route, it does not concern us to discuss the merits of Nicaragua or Panama. That is a subject for diplomatists and engineers. Either route is near the United States and equally dominated by our island possessions. All routes to the Isthmian pass Cuba or Porto Rico and the Spanish Islands are the only and natural coaling place to the westward in the Pacific Ocean. Jamaica is owned by England, but it is so thoroughly overshadowed by Cuba that it is little menace to our entire control over the canal. The Bahamas are again shut off by Cuba. It would seem that Providence has kept the key points to the Isthmian until we were ready to take them."

Captain Bicknell's Views.

Capt. G. A. Bicknell, U. S. N., spoke of the strategic nature of the canal. He said in part: "Our Navy is too small to fulfill its peace duties, except by the wide dispersion of naval vessels. Hence, always for war there must be a concentration. The Isthmian canal will help this concentration, whether the danger point be on our eastern or western coast.

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